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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed May 25, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response is initially due August 25, 2001. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Supplemental IDS, including U.S. Patent No. 5,861,247
- Courtesy Copy of WO 00/07022
- "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

On page 1, please replace the pending title in its entirety with the following new

title:

--METHODS FOR PRODUCING BIOCHIPS--

On page 1, line 1, before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" please add the following paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of a foreign priority patent application filed in Japan, serial number 341604/1998, filed December 1, 1998. This application is explicitly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.--

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 8 and 22, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Twice amended) The method [for producing a biochip according to] of claim 26 [4, claim 5, or claim 22], wherein the plate [is made of] comprises a material [which is] selected from the group consisting of a nylon membrane [membranes], a glass, a silicone wafer, a polyimide resin and a polymer plastic.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Twice amended) The method [for producing a biochip according to] of claim 24, claim 25 or claim 26 [4, claim 5, or claim 22], wherein the binding agent is selected from the group consisting of a poly-1-lysine carbodiimide and a silylation-coating.